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ANNOUNCER

1. Ladies and gentlemen, (PAUSE) welcome to the 21st annual "Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival".
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3. At eleven o'oclock this morning, (PAUSE) you are cordially invited to attend the "Blessing of the Grapes". This will occur in front of the mission, located on the northeast corner of the Plaza. (PAUSE) We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. (PAUSE) Thank you.
4. In five minutes, in front of City Hall, located in the center of the Plaza, our city dignataries will officially open the 21st annual Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival. You are cordially invited to attend . . . . Thank you.

INDIAN VILLAGE

5. Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention, please (PAUSE) Prior to the colonization of this area by the Spanish, the Mexicans, the Russians, and the Americans,(PAUSE) the Sonoma Valley was known only to the Indians.

Recreating the scenes that you may have encountered, had you been a visitor to this valley two-hundred years ago, (PAUSE) are the Boy Scouts of America.

Directly north of city hall, the boy scouts have constructed an Indian Village for your viewing pleasure. In the village you will find wickiups, artifacts, and many other interesting items that will make your visit more enjoyable.

Take the children and your friends for a visit to the Indian Village, located north of city hall . . . . Thank you

PADRE ALTIMIRA

(Announcer) . . . . Ladies and Gentlemen - may I have your attention please.

In the early 1820's Spain and France were at war in Europe, in the United States the Erie Canal was built and the Monroe Doctrine flowed from the pen of James Monroe.

PADRE ALTIMIRA

In the land that we know as California, a Franciscan Padre by the name of Jose Altimira, prayed each day and night that somehow he might be able to carry on the work of Father Serra- - to extend the chain of missions northward. Finally at long last, his prayers seemed answered. Governor Arguello at Monterey decided that the Mission of the Northern frontier might be the deterrent needed to halt the Russian aggressors who had founded a colony on the coast. It was in 1812 that the Russians had come. They exploited all the country and waters thereabouts and set up a chapel of their Mother Church at Fort Ross. So it was that Altimira was empowered to go forward with his plan to establish a Mission across the restless waters of the Golden Gate in the Valley of Sonoma. Sonoma, where the moon rose seven times, was the chosen land. Here the new Mission would rise, the cross of Christ would be raised, and the flag of Mexico would fly aloft. Altimira's dream was coming true. On July 4th 1823, in the lonely wilderness in the Valley of the Seven Moons, the cross was raised.

If you will go to what is now Spain St. you can see Padre Altimira walking towards the northeast corner of the Plaza to found the Mission San Francisco Solano.

JOSE ALTIMIRA (1823)

While the narration is being delivered over the P.A. system, Padre Altimira and his entourage move slowly down Spain Street from Harriet Jones' home to the mission. (it should be timed so that at the end of the narration the party is not more than half-way to the mission.

UPON REACHING THE MISSION

ALTIMIRA . . . "No one can doubt the benignity of this climate after viewing the trees. We have found 607 springs of crystaline water in the area, and stone of which a second Rome might well be bulided".

SUNCHEZ . . . Yes, Father. Here shall fly the Mexican Flag. May she never be lowered.

ALTIMIRA . . . My sons of the faith and those still in darkness, here do we raise the cross in honor of the Mission San Francisco and the Blessed Saint. The cross that brings peace and brotherhood. I pray for the salvation of your souls, I pray for all the missions and the state of Mexico: and I fervently hope and

pray that the divine mantle of Serra may rest upon my shoulders. and that I may carry on his work.

(Raises the cross and lays the adobe brick)

ALTIMIRA. . . " To the greater honor and Glory of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, on this day, I do solemnly dedicate this mission, San Francisco Solano, for the spiritual comfort and welfare of our Indian brethren and those still in darkness. May it be the means of spreading further light, and become an inspiration for generations to come. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Pax Vobiscum.

ALL EXIT TO BACK OF MISSION

VALLEJO

ANNOUNCER: Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention please. Because the influence of the mission was waning, Governor Figueroa on June 24th, 1835 issued orders to Lt. Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo to found the pueblos of Sonoma. Lt.Vallejo came from the towne of Monterey where he was born.
If we listen carefully, we can hear Lt. Vallejo reading the orders which created the town of Sonoma.

VALLEJO: In conformity with the orders and instructions issued by the Supreme Government of the Confederation respecting the location of a village in the Valley of Sonoma, this commandacy wages upon you that according to the topographical plan of the place it be divided into quarters or squares, seeing that the streets and plaza be regulated so as to make a biginning. The inhabitants are to be governed entirely by said plan. This government and commandancy approves entirely of the lines designated by you for outlets recognizing as the property of the village and public lands and privileges the boundaries of Petaluma, Agna Caliente, Rancho de Huichira, Lena de Suhr, Salvador, Vallejo, and La Veronica on the north of the pueblo of Sonoma as the limits of the property, requesting that it be commenced immediately around the hill where the fortification is to be erected to protect the inhabitants from incursions of the savages and all others.

" In order that the building lots granted by you as the person charged with colonization may be fairly portioned, you will divide each square (manzana) into four parts, as well for the

location of each as to interest persons in planting kitchen gardens so that everyone shall have a hundred yards more or less which the government deems sufficient, and regulations on the subject, in such manner that all times the town shall possess the legal title.

This government and commandancy general offers you thanks for your efforts in erecting this new city which will secure the frontier of the republic, and is confident that you will make new efforts for the national entirety, God and liberty".

Jose Figueroa

ANNOUNCER: . . Thus Sonoma, well planned for beauty and symmetry, for the protection of its people and for their welfare and to encourage thrift and industry, came into being.

BEAR FLAG

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By 1846, the Russian dream of conquest had ended. But a new problem confronted Vellejo, the military governor of this northern area. Yankees, traders and trappers from the States had crossed the Rockies and Sierras in alarming numbers. Vallejo had been kindly toward the Americans, and refused to believe they meant trouble.

Then on June 14th, 1846, American settlers from the Sacramento Valley disturbed by reports that Mexican General Castro had given the order to run all Yankees out of California, decided to seize California.

Men coming down Spain Street are yelling their heads off about getting rid of the Mexicans. When they get to the flag pole the dialouge starts.

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STARS AND STRIPES

ANNOUNCER:. . Ladies and gentlemen may I have your attention please. Twenty-six days after the Bear Flag Rebellion , on July 7, 1846, Commodore Slout of the U.S. Navy landed at Monterey and raised the "Stars and Stripes over California's capitol.

Lt. Joseph Revere was sent by Capt. Montgomery of the U. S. Navy to raise the American Flag over Sonoma.

(BAND PLAYS)

LT. REVERE AND MEN ENTER TOWN FROM E. NAPA STREET AND MARCH TO BEAR FLAG MONUMENT.

BAND - PLAYS COLUMBIA, THE GEN O'ER THE OCEAN

LT. Revere:... "As you may well know , two days ago Commodore Sloat of of the USS Savannah landed a force of American Sailors and raised the American Flag over Monterey. Jnder the orders of Captain Montgomery of the USS Portsmouth, it is my great

honor as an American Naval Officer to raise the "Stars and Stripes" here in Sonoma for the first time and welcome you as a territory of the United States.

(HAULS DOWN THE BEAR FLAG)

YOUTH ....."The cubby is coming down growling."

Lt. REVERE ....(PLACES BEAR FLAG IN POCKET AND REMARKS, "This is worth saving."

BAND PLAYS THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER AS STARS AND STRIPES ARE RAISED

MRS. VALLEJO....."Muchas Gracias, Lt. Revere. Please thank Captain Montgomery and tell him we rejoice that the flag of a great nation now flies over Sonoma. Now I'd like everyone to sing my favorit song of your beloved America". Please everyone join in, in singing "My Country Tis of Thee"

BAND LEADS IN SONG

MARCH OFF

END

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